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public notice - gas customers

GENERAL RATE CASE HEARING NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission of Nevada (PUCN) has scheduled evidentiary hearings for Sierra Pacific Power Company's (Sierra Pacific Power) Natural Gas General Rate Case as follows.

All meetings begin at 10 a.m. in Hearing Room A of the Offices of the PUCN at 1150 East William Street in Carson City, Nevada on the following dates:

February 21–22 — Cost of Capital

February 27–28 — Depreciation

March 13–16 — Revenue Requirements

March 21–23 — Rate Design

The natural gas General Rate Application is available for public review and additional information can be obtained at any Sierra Pacific Power business office, or the offices of the Commission at:

1150 East William Street Carson City, NV 89701; –or–
101 Convention Center Drive, Ste. 250
Las Vegas, NV 89109.

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Interested and affected persons may file comments in writing at either of the addresses on the cover.

On October 3, 2005, Sierra Pacific Power filed a natural gas General Rate Case with the PUCN. In January 2006, the company filed an update to this General Rate Case, which (slightly) changed Sierra Pacific's proposed total rate increase request.

In its original application to the PUCN, Sierra Pacific Power requested to increase general natural gas rates by \$8,266,000, or an overall 5.4 percent, covering a test period from June 1, 2004 to May 31, 2005. On January 23, 2006, the company made its Certification

Filing with the PUCN changing its requested increase to \$8,321,000 million, or an overall increase of 4.2 percent. The change is due to an update in the time period covered by this filing, extending it to October 31, 2005, to account for new customer growth during that period.

The following chart includes a list of customer classes and their associated proposed percentage increases and proposed monthly dollar changes. These rate changes are approximate and represent averages for each customer class. Actual changes to individual customers' bills will vary. The PUCN may approve rates either higher or lower than those noticed.

RATE CLASSES		PERCENTAGE CHANGE	PROPOSED MONTHLY INCREASE OR DECREASE
RNG	Residential Natural Gas Service	6.15%	\$ 5
SCNG	Small Commercial and Industrial Natural Gas Service	1.46%	\$ 6
COMP	Gas for Compression	10.49%	\$ 509
LCNG	Large Commercial and Industrial Natural Gas Service	0.93%	\$ 148
INGR	Incentive Natural Gas Rate	6.54%	\$ 524
LPG	Liquefied Petroleum Gas Service	4.78%	\$ 5
TOTAL		4.30%	n/a